Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The employees of the United States Government devote their working lives to improving the quality of life and guaranteeing freedom for all citizens of the United States; and,

Whereas, The United States government recognizes the invaluable resource represented by its workforce and seeks to honor its moral responsibility to it by offering civil service employees adequate benefits upon retirement; and,

Whereas, The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) was organized on February 19, 1921, by 14 federal retirees with the mission of protecting the earned rights and livelihoods of civil service retirees, and has grown to include a 400,000 membership, with Federations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Panama, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Republic of the Philippines; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Federation of NARFE Chapters charter was duly signed in Washington, D.C., on May 28, 1968, with four chapters located in Aberdeen, Hot Springs, Rapid City and Watertown named in the charter; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Federation of NARFE Chapters is now represented by 17 chapters and some 2,000 members who enhance the material and social well-being of our state through financial sustenance, good citizenship, and volunteerism; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota are deeply appreciative of the contributions that NARFE members make to our state and its respective communities; and,

Whereas, On May 16-18, 2005, the South Dakota Federation of NARFE Chapters is holding its Annual Convention in Watertown, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16-20, 2005, as

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State